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MINI HORTICULTURE MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Mini Horticulture Mission in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated to small farmers, Agri Business Consortiums under the Mini Horticulture Mission in the country during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the modalities for utilising the fund and the outcome thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)' for the holistic development of horticulture. The Mission covers the entire spectrum of horticulture right from production to consumption through forward and backward linkages.

The Mission has four Mini Missions, viz., Mini Mission-I relates research, Mini Mission-II relates production and productivity improvement, Mini Mission-III involves post harvest management and marketing and Mini Mission-IV relates to processing.

(c) & (d): Funds are routed through Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) to the State and Implementing Agencies. Detail of funds released during the last three years through SFAC is Annexed. The modalities for utilizing funds, is through approved Annual Action Plans of the States and funds are released only on submission of Utilization Certificates alongwith physical and financial achievement of targets.

The Mission has played a significant role in development of horticulture sector in North Eastern and Himalayan States. The Mission has been instrumental in bringing additional area under various horticulture crops, improved irrigation infrastructure, better planting material infrastructure, promotion of protected cultivation, farm mechanization and human resource development, etc.